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652nd MEETING

Time..... Social—Mineral Sales.....6:30PM
Meeting.....7:30PM
Program.....8:00PM-9:00PM
When..... Thursday, February 12, 2009
Where.... The Paterson Museum — (phone 973-321-1260)
2 Market Street, Paterson, NJ 07501-1704
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DIRECTIONS

For those unsure of a route to the museum, these directions should help. You can get to the museum via Rt. 80 using exit 57a,b or Rt. 19 north, following the signs to downtown Paterson. Left at the first light, (follow red dots) left again at the next light (Market St.) and then two and a half blocks to the museum on your left. You could also come north on McBride Ave. from Rt 46 in West Paterson to Overlook Park, right at light to next light, left at Burger King and 100 ft. to museum entrance on your right. A winding but safe route to a paved, fenced and well lit parking lot.

PURPOSE

The North Jersey Mineralogical Soc. is a non-profit, educational organization founded in 1945 whose goal is to bring together people with an interest in the Earth Sciences in general and mineral studies in particular. Guests and prospective members are always welcome. Young people under 17 years of age are welcome to attend if accompanied by a parent or adult friend.

FOR INFORMATION CALL

Rolf Schudel (201-925-2716) or Mel Pollinger (201-791-9826). Call the the museum or one of the officers if inclement weather might cause meeting cancelation.

DUES ARE DUE

This is a reminder that dues are due at the beginning of each year. If you can't make our meeting, please send your dues to our treasurer. Be sure to include your e-mail and current address.

SEND DUES TO

Juan Gonzalez
79 Lakeside Avenue
Pompton Lks, NJ 07442
973-595-6278
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Married couples \$18.00
Additional family members
are \$6.00 each
Junior members: \$5.00

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Classic Pegmatite Localities of Connecticut

For a small state, Connecticut is home to many classic pegmatite localities. Places like the Strickland, Gillette and Branchville Quarries are known the world over. What about the other 500 or so pegmatite's in Connecticut? This talk is an overview of some of the "classic" pegmatite localities of Connecticut and the minerals that have been found (and still can be) at them.

*See where these famous pegmatites are located in Connecticut. Learn a little about their history. *See some representative minerals from each of these distinctive quarries.

This is an excellent overview of the pegmatite minerals of Connecticut. I use a "Top 10 Format" to sort thru the many pegmatites and try to determine which localities "make the cut" to be considered



Connecticut Classics. Pictured above are Harold and Olive Weimann at a club sponsored field trip to the Walden Gem Mine in Portland CT. Harold passed away a few years ago and Olive is still going strong.

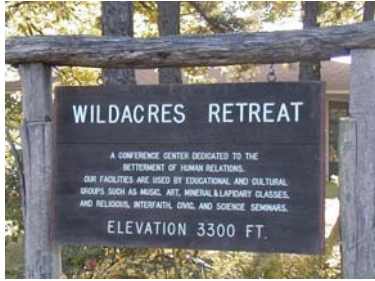
EDITORS COMMENTS

I like the basic format that I have been using for the past several years. We got a new printer which I use in conjunction with my old printer. The Epson is still good but it is slow. Ink cost run about \$5.00 per ink cartridge. The new HP laser printer is fast, turns out excellent quality prints but the cost of a toner cartridge has gone up 50% in the last 6 months and is now just over \$90 per cartridge and does not last for a long time.

Budgetary concerns have me thinking about ways to cut the use of the HP printer. For those who get their newsletter by e-mail, cost of color is not a consideration. For those who are on our courtesy list, we may cut the color and send out only black and white. I'll let the executive board decide what they would like to do.

I would like to hear collecting experiences of some of our older members. It works well if I have a few pictures (which can be scanned). I think it makes a living thing of our newsletter. I have no problem typing in your hand-written notes. Talk to me and we can arrange something that you would be proud of. It's easy once you get going.....Jack

EFMLS Wildacres



One of the benefits of EFMLS membership is the opportunity to attend one of the two federation sponsored Workshops at Wildacres. Imagine being able to spend a week totally immersed in the

joys of our hobby. The setting is an idyllic mountain top retreat where you are well fed and cared for and you can take classes in many aspects of the hobby - lapidary, jewelry making, mineralogy, etc. There is such a place and it's called Wildacres.

Wildacres is a conference center offering its facilities to nonprofit educational groups that conduct cultural programs and seminars. It is a true retreat, undisturbed by through traffic or noises of the city. I.D. and Madolyn Blumenthal of Charlotte, NC dedicated Wildacres in 1946, for the improvement of human relations and interfaith dialogue. Since 1972, Wildacres has operated as a public foundation. Wildacres is situated on 1600 acres at an elevation of

3,300 feet atop a mountain called Pompey's Knob, near the Blue Ridge Parkway. It is halfway between Asheville and Blowing Rock in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains. The primary support of Wildacres comes from its own



resources and The Blumenthal Foundation. Wildacres receives gifts from individuals, businesses and foundations interested in the philosophy and programs that are held there. The EFMLS sponsors two annual lapidary and jewelry making workshops at Wildacres each year. Each session lasts for one week during which classes are given in areas such as Mineral Identification, Cabochon Making, Faceting, Soapstone Carving, Chain Making, Wire-wrapping and Wirecraft Jewelry, Precious Metal Clay, Lost Wax Casting, Intarsia, Micromounting, Glass Engraving and Etching, Fused Glass, Lampwork Beads and Pewter Fabrication. We also offer a course in Certified Judging and Exhibiting for those interested in



improving their display cases or becoming judges. We are so pleased to be able to have two wonderful sessions planned again this year. We hope that you and your fellow club sessions held at

Wildacres, a special place in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. Spring Dates are April 17 - 23, and Fall Dates are Sept. 7 - 13, 2009. Workshop attendance is open to any active member of a Club or Society that is a member of the Eastern Federation. Individuals from the other Federations may attend



on a space-available basis. Registration forms (except staff) MUST have 4 class choices listed, in the order of preference. Enrollees will be placed in the classes, as registration forms are received and once a class is full, the chosen class with openings will be assigned. Fees for the 2009 sessions of Wildacres are \$345 per person. This fee includes room, board and classroom instruction. Most classes will also charge a nominal fee to cover materials and supplies. The week at Wildacres is divided into two parts or "semesters". Students take one class lasting either the full week (4-days) or two different classes lasting 2-days each. The day between "semesters" is a day set aside to allow participants to explore the region, participate in



an old-fashioned tailgate session and relax. Each Wildacres Workshop also features an expert in residence who gives daily talks about a variety of topics in his field of interest. The spring session speaker will be

Michael Wise, research mineralogist/curator at the Smithsonian and one of the world's leading authorities on the mineralogy of pegmatites. For the fall session (September), we're pleased to welcome Brenda Foreman who will talk about the history of jewelry. These experts live on campus, often attend classes and interact with Workshop participants throughout the session. If you would like to obtain a short CD about the Wildacres Workshops, send an e-mail to:

<cscystals2@verizon.net> giving the name and postal address to which the program is to be sent and the name of your club. The program is free for the asking and an ideal way of sharing Wildacres with your club members. Points of interest in the area

include the North Carolina Mineral Museum, Mineral and Gem Mines, Blue Ridge Parkway Scenic Overlooks, Crabtree and Linville Falls on the Blue Ridge Parkway,



THE COLLECTOR WANDERED AGAIN

My friends used to say that if I was dropped anywhere in the country, I would know where I was and how to find my way back home. That was because every time I went anywhere, I would try a different route. It was fun to explore the countryside. I was on my way back from a EFMLS convention in West

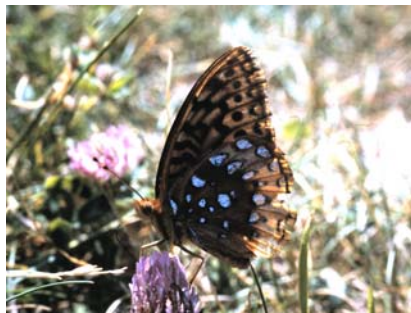


Virginia and thought that I would try coming north on the Blue Ridge Parkway. It really is a scenic road and worth a little side trip. It's not a high speed road so don't think that you'll be able to make good time.....but it is worth the trip. I thought about this because of the announcement of the Wildacres program scheduled in the current EFMLS newsletter. On this day it was hazy, but you could still see for miles. There are a lot of scenic outlooks and I think that I pulled into almost every one. It was a sunny day and there were a lot of butterflies out. One of the



common ones is this orange colored beauty shown at left. If I have the spelling right it is a fritillary. It is also pictured in a side view below right. It was getting into the warm weather of the summer, and the wings of these guys seemed to be somewhat beaten up.

As I continued north, I found an outlook that seemed very busy. In fact, there didn't seem to be any parking spaces left, so I did what everyone else was doing. I pulled onto the grass. When I got out of my car and started walking up the drive I could hear some music playing. It was like someone had a radio on too loud and the sound of blue grass music filled the air. When I got closer, I could see a small group gathered around a picnic table playing. See photo top right. It was a good sound and if you like country music you would have enjoyed it. After noting the music group I started looking for the reason that there was such a large group at this one turnout. When I got to the edge of the park and looked over the edge, I saw the .



reason why. The picture below right show a hang glider ready to push off into the valley below. I don't know how far down the valley was, but I think that a



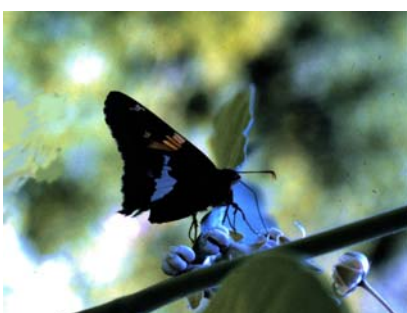
guess of 1,000 feet would not be out of line. There was another hang glider (not included in the camera shot.) It was obvious that they were waiting for the late afternoon up drafts needed for a good glider flight.

When I looked at the take-off area, I thought that this was not for me.....I'll take nice safe rock collecting. At least I got some nice scenery photos. It was past spring flowering, and the butterflies looked a little ragged. Continuing on my way, I explored other outlooks till I got almost to the end of the parkway. There is a well known cavern at that point, but it was too late in the day to check that out. I had planned to stop to visit some cousins just outside of Washington, but they weren't home. They lived in Fairfax, a suburb of Washington near the well known quarries of the area. There were some good micro minerals to be had from these quarries as well as some very fine hand specimens of Apophyllite from the Centerville Quarry. I haven't seen much new material coming out



of that quarry in recent times. I was able to do some collecting at a couple of these quarries, but being unfamiliar with them, it was not a very productive visit. The best collecting along the area of the Blue Ridge Parkway is near the southern portion of that route. There are a number of well known localities including one of the best emerald mines in the United States. Under new ownership, it has been productive over the last several days. would have to do some research to prod my memory regarding other localities. Mostly in North Carolina, there are good collectors in the area

and that would be an excellent source of information for good collecting sites. You should plan a trip to the entire area to explore the diverse collecting opportunities. Don't forget your camera.



MINUTES OF THE 1/8/09 MEETING

New President Bob Horn brought the meeting to order and welcomed all attending. The minutes of our last meeting were accepted. The following announcements were made: The Rutgers University Geology Museum Open House will be on Jan. 31st. There are 4 lectures and a mineral sale as noted in our newsletter. Bob Horn will distribute our show flyer at the Rutgers event.

Chris Laskowich reported that the former UBC quarry was still accessible via Valley Rd. Dinosaur tracks are still being found there. Ed Murphy told us that the Rochester Symposium will be on the weekend of April 23-26, which is a conflict with the NJ Earth Science Show held in Franklin on the same weekend. The Maine Mineral Symposium will be held two weeks later. Rolf Shudel Jr. announced that the New Jersey Paleontological Society will have Bob Sheridan speak on his trip to the Carnegie Museum at the meeting on Jan. 12, all are invited to attend. The focus of his talk will be on the Dinosaur exhibits recently reconstructed by the artists at the Phil Fraley Production studio in Paterson. Rolf also announced the Super Science Day at the Ridgewood High School will be on Mar. 7. He asked for volunteers to help him.

In order to fill vacant Board positions, Bob Horn asked for nominations from the floor. Rolf was nominated for the office of First V.P., Steve Barry for the position of second V.P. and Arlene Castleman for Secretary. They were accepted by a vote of the members present.

Announcements were made of the untimely passing of Joseph Ororz and Bob Finton. A moment of silence was observed in their honor.

Field trip chairperson Hada Bitar is trying to get us in to the Sam Braen Quarry in Haledon. Another field trip is planned to Big Brook, where fossil shark teeth may be found. Another possible field trip will be to a quarry in CT that was visited previously.

Dealer contracts for our show on Mar. 14-15 are going out this weekend. The contracts for the school and the tables were completed. Rolf suggested that we spend \$400.00 to advertise our show in a local Clifton publication. It was not decided whether we should do this, more discussion is needed.

Rolf then introduced our speakers, Dan Lopez and Robert Mykytka. Their talk was titled "the Abandoned Mines of NJ and NY." It was very well accepted.

Respectfully Submitted
Arlene Castleman, Sect.

MARRIED LIFE

A woman was standing nude looking at her image in the bedroom mirror. She said to her husband, 'I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment.' The husband replied, 'Your vision is damn near perfect.' He never heard the shot.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 21-22: Albany, NY: 16th Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show and Sale; New York State Academy of Mineralogy, Capital District Mineral Club; 4th flr, Museum, Empire State Plaza, Madison Ave.; Sat. & Sun. 10-5: admission \$6, includes NY State Flower Show; 20 mineral and fossil dealers, geological lectures, staff on hand to identify minerals and fossils; contact Michael Hawkins, Geology Collections Manager, 518-486-2911 e-mail: mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov

Mar 4-5: Plymouth Meeting, PA: Show, "Philadelphia Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair"; Philadelphia Mineralogical Society, Delaware Valley Paleontological Society; Lulu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children \$1, Uniformed Scouts free; fossils, minerals, gems, speakers, exhibits, free mineral specimens, door prizes, contact Karenne Snow, 609-953-1987; e-mail: dklieger@verizon.net;

Mar. 7-8: New York, NY: Spring Show, New York Mineralogical Club, Holiday Inn, Midtown, 440 West 57th St., Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5, Adults \$6.00 students and seniors \$5.00, children free. Retail and wholesale dealers, minerals, gems, fossils, jewelry, displays; contact Excalibur Mineral Corp., Peekskill, NY 10566: 914-739-1134.

Mar. 14-15: Clifton, NJ: 19th Annual Show for 2009: Sponsored by the North Jersey Mineralogical Society, and held at the Pope John Paul II Elementary School, 775 Valley Rd. Clifton: Sat. & Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors \$3, children over 12 \$2; gems, jewelry, minerals, meteorites, fossils, crystals, New Jersey and worldwide specimens, fluorescent minerals, spheres; for information contact Robert Horn, 411 Mansfield Village, Hackettstown, NJ 908-813-0808; e-mail: Mineraldog@Comcast.net.

Apr. 23-26: Rochester, NY: 36th Annual Mineralogical Symposium. A variety of presentations will be given and Featured are Frank Melanson - recent collecting in Brazil. Jolyon Ralph - Mindat.org, Dr. Andre Lalonde program is to be announced, Doug Moore— Microphotography of agates, Jeff Scovil - What's new in Minerals, Robert Barron— Field collecting in upper Michigan, Gail Spann - Women in mineral collecting, John Betts— Minerals of New York city. and Jeff Scovil - Around the world in 18 years. In addition to this preliminary list of presentations, there will be a number of mineral dealers. And then there is the social aspect of the show, which in my mind is the most important facet of the program. Also featured at the symposium is the micromounter play-room. If you really want to learn about minerals, spend some time here.

Apr. 25-26: Franklin, NJ: 37th Annual Show and Swap. New Jersey Earth Science Assoc. Franklin School, 50 Washington Ave., Sat. 9-5:30, Sun 9-5

